

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 2 has been amended via the addition of the label "PRIOR ART." This amendment overcomes the objection raised in accordance with MPEP § 608.02(g). A replacement sheet bearing this amendment is appended to this response.



REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In this response, the subject matter of allowable claim 7 is incorporated into claim 1 along with the subject matter of intervening claim 6. Claims 6 and 7 are cancelled and claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 1. These amendments overcome the rejections made under 35 USC § 102 and are deemed to place the claims in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Inasmuch as the only other issue has been overcome by the above-mentioned amendment to Fig. 2, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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